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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

John Elder was born September 2, 1796 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He had a brother, Alex Jim. He was the first professional architect to reside in Indianapolis in 1833. He submitted an unsuccessful design for the Indiana State House. He designed Hervey Bate's Washington Street retail building, Charles Mayer's original store building, Henry Ward Beecher's home, the Bank of Indiana building, the first Hospital for the Insane (later Central State Hospital) and the Palmer House, a hotel. He drew the original design for the Institute for the Blind and was a contractor for the Central Canal. He also designed courthouses in Clinton, Bartholomew and Rush County. He was severely in debt and left Indianapolis to join the Gold Rush in California, where he died November 3, 1857 in Sacramento, California and is buried in City Cemetery.

Information found within the collection.

"Elder, John". Web: Roots Web Cemetery Index, 1800-2010. Retrieved 2014/06/25. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

Ziegler, Connie J. (1994). Elder, John In The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. (p. 535). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

Scope and Contents

This collection includes newspaper excerpts from letters and diaries from Governor James Whitcomb, John Elder and James Elder in Indiana and California ranging from 1845/01/01 to 1850 regarding building construction, daily life and California during the Gold Rush.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- California
- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Whitcomb, James (1795-1852)

Subject(s)

- Architecture
- California Gold Rush, 1848-1852
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Gold mines and mining